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*To the Chairman and Members of the Baildon Urban District Council.*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1937, this being my Twenty-second Report as your Medical Officer of Health. This is an ordinary report, not specifying in detail as in the year 1936.

### Health Services.

During the last year the health of the district has been good. There was a slight epidemic of Influenza in the winter and spring but it was not of a very virulent type. There have been the usual cases of Infantile diseases amongst scholars.

A number of Council Houses are in course of erection on the Sandals Estate.

The District Nurse (Nurse Brown), has had a busy time during the last year owing to the number of malignant cases that have required attention

Cases of Broncho-pneumonia may be sent into the Hospital at Menston, which will help a great deal when efficient nurses cannot be got at home.

There has been a larger number of Scarlet Fever cases, but that is due to the infection from outside.

**Sanitation.**

There have been 3,015 loads of refuse removed and delivered to the tips, which are operated on the " Call " system.

**Cowsheds.**

The cowsheds have been inspected on various occasions and have been found to be satisfactory, except one which was found to be damp in places. The owner has promised to have the matter attended to.

**Smoke Abatement.**

There has been a decided improvement in some of the cases of black smoke. I find that one mill is in the habit of turning out smoke at night, contrary to the Act, and will have attention.

**Factories and Workshops.**

These have been inspected and found to be in a satisfactory condition.

**Bakehouses.**

These have been inspected several times during the year and found to be in a satisfactory condition (except one which is always on the border line of being dirty).

**Water Supply.**

There has been a good and adequate supply of water during the year, but the filtration plant is not yet in working order.

The water is lead solvent and care is required in new houses with lead pipes that the tap should be allowed to run in the morning before the water is used so as to avoid lead poisoning.

**Closet Accommodation.**

There have been only two closets converted into W.Cs. during the past year, but with the closing of unsatisfactory dwellings we hope to increase the number next year.

The lavatory accommodation in the district is as follows :—

Pail or Tub Closets	...	...	31
Privies with covered middens	...	...	43
Water Closets	...	...	2,562
Waste Water Closets	...	...	11
Number of conversions during the year			2

### Schools.

The attendances at the schools have been satisfactory with the exception of a slight outbreak of chicken pox and measles.

### Birth Rate.

There have been credited to the Urban District during the year :—

	M.	F.	Total
Within the Area	41	49	90
Without the Area	27	12	39
	—	—	—
Making a Total of	68	61	129

The birth rate for the district is 13.28 compared with for England and Wales 14.9.

### Death Rate.

The number of deaths Registered in the district has been 78 (M. 35, F. 43). The number of deaths of residents outside the area has been 16 (M. 9, F. 7), making a total of 94.

The number of deaths of people over 60 years of age is 42 (M. 20, F. 22) and over 80 years of age 10 (M. 2, F. 8).

The death rate is 9.78 for the area and for England and Wales 12.4.

### Infantile Deaths.

There have been two deaths of infants under one year, the same number as last year, both due to fits (M. 1, F. 1). There has also been one death of a Baidon infant outside the district (M. 1), making a total of 3.

The death rate for this area is 23.2 per 1,000 births, and the rate for England and Wales is 58 per 1,000.

## Milk Supply.

There is only one T.T. milk producer in the district.

No. of Cowsheds in the district	...	17
No. of persons registered in respect thereof	...	10
No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are Cow-keepers	...	7
No. who are Milk Retailers only	...	16
Total of Milk Sellers registered	...	14
Total No of Inspections	...	85

## Meat.

The slaughterhouses have all been inspected and all meat slaughtered has been inspected.

There have been portions of some beasts that have been found to be tubercular which have been surrendered and destroyed.

## Infectious Diseases.

There have been 32 cases of Infectious Diseases notified under the Infectious Diseases Act, as follows:—

			Admitted to Hospital		Deaths
Scarlet Fever	... 23	...	23	...	—
Diphtheria	... 5	...	5	...	1
Enteric Fever	... —	...	—	...	—
Puerperal Fever	... —	...	—	...	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	... —	...	—	...	—
Erysipelas...	... 4	...	4	...	—

There has been one death from Diphtheria.

## Infectious Diseases Statistics.

Age Group	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Erysipelas
2½	1	—	—
3	5	2	—
5	2	1	—
8	6	1	—
11	8	1	—
25	1	1	1
35	—	—	3

## Vital Statistics.

	M.	F.	Total.
Births			
Legitimate	68	60	
Illegitimate	—	1	129



## Deaths.

Registered in Baildon	35	43	78
Transferable Deaths ...	9	7	16
Still Births	1	1	2

## Infantile Death Rate.

There have been 2 deaths of infants under one year both due to Fits (M. 1, F. 1).

Death from Measles	...	Nil.
„ „ Whooping Cough	...	Nil.
„ „ Diphtheria	...	1
„ „ Diarrhoea	...	Nil.

## Death Over.

			M.		F.
2 years ...	...	...	1	...	—
4 „ ...	...	...	—	...	—
10 „ ...	...	...	4	...	—
20 „ ...	...	...	3	...	—
40 „ ...	...	...	11	...	18
60 „ ...	...	...	19	...	24
80 „ ...	...	...	2	...	7

## Statistics of Tuberculosis.

Age Periods	New cases		Deaths	
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
	M.	F.	M.	F.
24	—	—	—	1
39	—	1	—	—
48	1	—	—	—

Nil.

I have the honour to be Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

EDWIN G. FIRTH, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.

*Medical Officer of Health.*

Enfield, Baildon.

May, 1938.





